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In re Application of) Group Art Unit: 2856
TANAKA ET AL.)
Application No. 10/712,874) Examiner: Jacques M. Saint Surin
Filed: November 12, 2003)
For: ACOUSTIC WAVE TOUCH DETECTING) TYCO ELECTRONICS CORPORATION
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
and
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A Notice of Allowance for claims 9 and 16 to 18 of this application was mailed September 22, 2006. The issue fee is not being paid and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed in order to bring art to the attention of the Examiner. Any necessary fees should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 18-0560. Reconsideration, re-examination, and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Remarks below.

Disclosure Under 37 CFR § 1.56

In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the following documents are hereby disclosed to the Patent Office in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56. It is not admitted that the information in the listed documents is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §

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1.56(b). The Examiner is requested to consider the documents in the examination of this application.

Accompanying this statement is a Form PTO/SB/08 in duplicate on which the documents are listed (except as indicated). The Examiner is requested to return an initialed and signed copy of the form once the documents have been considered.

The following documents are referred to in the specification:

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Translation
JP-61-239322-A	12-24-1986	Zenith (Adler et al.)	Yes*
JP-6-324792-A	11-25-1994	Canon KK (Atsushi et al.)	Abstract
JP-2001-14094-A	01-19-2001	Touch Panel Systems (Kanbara et al.)	Yes**

*JP 61-239322 is a counterpart for EP 0190734, which is attached but is not listed on the Form PTO/SB/08.

** JP 2001-14094 is a counterpart for U.S. Application No. 10/019587, which is attached but is not listed on the Form PTO/SB/08.

The following documents not listed above are also cited.

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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US-5,241,308-A	08-31-1993	Young
US-5,739,479-A	04-14-1998	Davis-Cannon et al.
US-6,091,406-A	07-18-2000	Kambara et al.
US-6,406,990-A	06-18-2002	Kawai
US-6,567,077-B2	05-20-2003	Inoue et al.
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JP-6-082301-A	03-22-1994	Sanyo Electric Co. Ltd. (Moriwaki et al.)	Abstract

JP-2000-43484-A	02-15-2000	Ricoh KK (Omura et al.)	Abstract*
WO2004/044726-A	05-27-2004	Touch Panel Systems K.K. (Tanaka)	Abstract**

*JP 2000-43484 is a counterpart for US Publication No. 2002/0008692, listed above.

**WO2004/044726 is a counterpart for EP 1562104, which is attached but is not listed on the Form PTO/SB/08.

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Document	Translation
Patent Abstracts of Japan, vol. 2003, no. 12, December 5, 2003 (abstract of JP 2004-163262)	N/A

Clarification of May 18, 2005 Disclosure Statement

The Form PTO-1449 that accompanied the Disclosure Statement mailed May 18, 2005 incorrectly identified a document as "U.S. 5,658,643", rather than the correct number, U.S. 5,648,643. The document was correctly listed in the Disclosure Statement, and was cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated May 30, 2006.

Copies of Documents

In accordance with the Notice dated July 11, 2003, waiving the requirement under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each cited U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of the documents which fit into those categories are being submitted. Copies will be sent on request. Copies of the remaining document are enclosed.

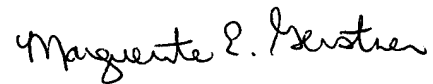
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As this disclosure statement is being submitted with an RCE, Applicants believe that no fee is due. If this is incorrect, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 18-0560.

Conclusion

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action at an early date is earnestly requested. If, however, there are any outstanding issues which can be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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